

We Plant Churches

Welcome to a community of church planters
with a vision of starting 1,000 churches
in creative spaces and places
in your community and around the world.





SCHEDULE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

1:00 PM – SESSION ONE

Vision, Strategy, Behaviors, and Steps

3:30 PM – SESSION TWO

Systems to help ordinary people achieve extraordinary results

6:45 PM – SESSION THREE

Walking in the manifest presence of God

DAY TWO

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:30 AM – SESSION FOUR

Principles of Multiplication & Mentorship

10:15 AM – SESSION FIVE

Q&A: Catalyst Conversations

1:00 PM – SESSION SIX

How to launch your training center

OVERVIEW

You will learn the two parts of our primary environment,

“Encounter +mentorship” for church planter training.

We will highlight our investment in you as a coach and mentor.

You will have an opportunity to respond to our invitation to join the CDN as a

“Trainer of Church Planters.”

1,000 CHURCHES

IN CREATIVE PLACES AND SPACES
IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND AROUND THE WORLD



THE THREE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS IN ALL MOVEMENTS

1. A _____ (simple and repeatable) system

1 MISSION

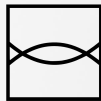
A Relentless Pursuit of _____ Disciples

4 VALUES

_____ - _____ Environments Rapid _____

No More _____ Churches Unpredictable pathway with predictable _____

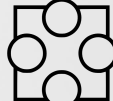
5 STRATEGIES



Pray



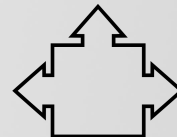
Speak Out



Gather



Obey



Send Out

4 ENVIRONMENTS



Jumpstart



Encounter
Church Planter Mentorship



Launchpad



Sent Summit

1 VISION

Plant _____ Churches in creative spaces and places in your community and around the world

SESSION TWO

Systems to help ordinary people achieve extraordinary results

2. High _____ and _____ to the shared system

3 MONTHS

My 3:1:4:1
A plan for rapid deployment



3 MILESTONES

M1: Church Conceived in Heaven
M2: Church Gathered on Earth
M3: Church Planter Sent Out



3 YEARS

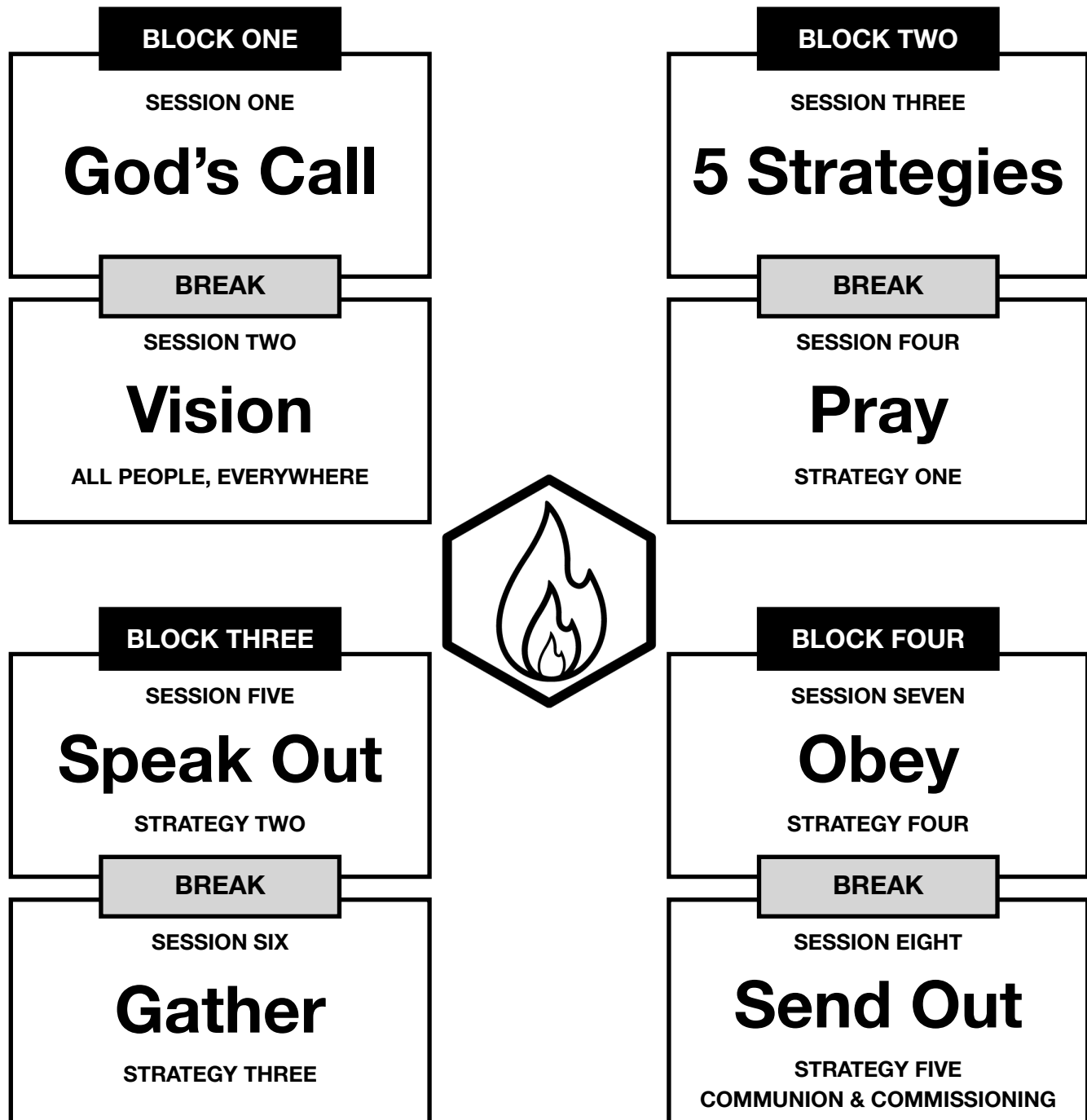
Longterm compounding investment



3. Freedom to bring your _____ within the system

70/30 Principle

Encounter Schedule



EXPECTATIONS

- Scheduled in advance and on a recurring basis (2x per year)
- God-filled environment: Primary objective is to encounter God
- Keep it simple: 3 to 12 potential church planters in attendance
- Welcome to the network: Kingdom focus with a wide net

MOMENTS

BLOCK ONE

SESSION ONE

God's Call

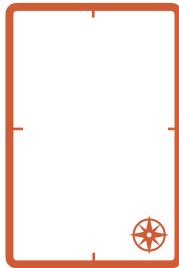
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SESSION TWO

Vision

ALL PEOPLE, EVERYWHERE

MY MAP



The church planter draws a map - in faith - of what God might do in their region. We commit the plans to the Lord.

BLOCK TWO

SESSION THREE

5 Strategies

BREAK

SESSION FOUR

Pray

STRATEGY ONE

MASTER KEY



The church planter learns that prayer is the key to unlock all doors in the kingdom. We pray as the Lord taught us to pray.

BLOCK THREE

SESSION FIVE

Speak Out

STRATEGY TWO

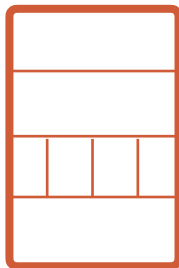
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SESSION SIX

Gather

STRATEGY THREE

3:1:4:1



The church planter makes a plan for gathering the church in three months. The plan is activated with a declaration of their first step. We commit the plans to the Lord.

BLOCK FOUR

SESSION SEVEN

Obey

STRATEGY FOUR

BREAK

SESSION EIGHT

Send Out

STRATEGY FIVE
COMMUNION & COMMISSIONING

BARRIERS WORKSHOP



The church planter makes a list of the barriers that threaten the work. We pray for God to throw the mountain into the sea (Mt. 21:21).

THE POWER OF MOMENTS

Our lives are measured in moments, and defining moments are the ones that endure in our memories. Transitions should be marked and milestones commemorated.

SESSION THREE

The Manifest Presence of Christ

“Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands.”

Revelation 1:12

“...and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.”

Revelation 1:20

The greatest need in the church today is a fresh encounter with the manifest presence of Christ. Perhaps the greatest tragedy of the church today is that we have blurred the distinction between the omnipresence (or everywhere presence) of God and the manifest presence of God.

In Revelation 1 we gain perhaps that most accurate view of the ascended Christ in His manifest presence.

» **The ascended Christ is on fire from head to toe.**

His feet are glowing like metal in a furnace, His right hand is holding seven stars (balls of fire), His eyes are like flames of fire, and His face looks like the sun at midday.

» **The triumphant church is on fire—it looks like a flame holder.**

WHAT DOES THIS FIRE REPRESENT?

Throughout the Bible fire is often used to represent the manifest presence of Christ.

- » Abraham met God in the fire (Genesis 15:17).
- » Moses met God in the fire (Exodus 3).
- » All Israel met God in the fire (Exodus 13, 19).
- » David met God in the fire (1 Chronicles 21:26).
- » Solomon met God in the fire (2 Chronicles 7).
- » Isaiah met God in the fire (Isaiah 6).
- » Elijah met God in the fire (1 Kings 18).
- » The early church met God in the fire (Acts 2:1-5).

In every one of these examples, fire represented the manifest presence of God in Christ.

The reason the church is represented by a flame holder is because the single characteristic that distinguishes the church from every other institution on earth is the manifest presence of God. Every institution has access to the omnipresence of God; only the church has continuous access to the manifest presence.

CHRIST IS THE MANIFEST PRESENCE OF GOD!

“The Presence and the manifestation of the Presence are not the same. There can be one without the other. God is here when we are wholly unaware of it. He is manifest only when and as we are aware of His presence.”

(A.W. Tozer, Pursuit of God)

As we have seen, God often chooses to encounter His people in the fire of His manifest presence; more often, however, God chooses to encounter His people in His manifest presence without the appearance of fire. The issue is not fire; the issue is God's presence.

WELCOME CHRIST'S MANIFEST PRESENCE IN YOUR LIFE, YOUR HOME, AND YOUR CHURCH

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SESSION FOUR

Principles of Multiplication

Multiplication Axioms

1. A person with a call from God to plant a church is a force that cannot be defeated
2. Identifying "multipliers who are called by God" and training and deploying them is a key part of multiplication, rather than looking for and training leaders
3. Multiplication requires more prayer than you have yet experienced
4. The prayer for workers is the single most important part of obedience for multipliers
5. Everything living multiplies
6. New life always starts small
Don't despise small beginnings.
7. God's first command to people was to "be fruitful and multiply"
8. A multiplier must unlearn what they know about expert culture
9. The resources are in the harvest
10. Multiplication requires a simple concept of "church", including starting without paid clergy or real estate.
11. DBS is an excellent tool to help people know Jesus better at any stage of spiritual life they may be at
12. "Meet and report" is required to get to multiplication
13. Obedient disciples is the goal of all multiplication
14. The purpose of gathering is to produce disciples who obey everything Jesus commanded
15. The person of peace is God's plan for starting a new group
16. The person of peace is the person that gives you access and influence in a new social network
17. A multiplier must know how to both offer hospitality and receive hospitality in their interaction with non-believers
18. Multiplication will not happen without learning to "speak" about Jesus in natural ways (i.e. testimony, tell good news).
19. A multiplier understands that the church thrives through encouraging each other
20. Multiplication happens spontaneously after the fourth generation
21. Principle of abundant sowing
Speak to everyone, at every occasion

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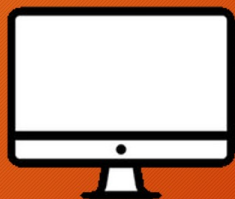
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Acts 12:24 Churches

FUNDING THE MISSION

The Resources are in the Harvest

FRIENDS OF CDN

Individuals who partner with the CDN are Friends of the CDN. Your monthly support is a catalyst for ongoing training and deployment of church planters, churches, and Christian households.

CDN PARTNER

CDN Partners are churches, organizations, or businesses that are committed to seeing new churches started and families strengthened. Your partnership is catalyst for church planting - which is the single most effective strategy for evangelism, expanding the body of Christ, and bringing renewal to existing churches.

TRAINING CENTER

Donations will be sorted according to the training center they are given through.
A percentage of the donations will go to:

- First, to the operating budget for the local training center.
- Then, to the development of the trainer.
- Finally, a stipend for the trainer.

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SESSION FIVE

Catalyst Conversations

No More Orphans. A Trainer is both a mentor and a coach.

Coaching makes it _____.

Mentorship makes it _____.

A mentor _____.
"God has more for you."

A coach _____.
"You have more in you."

POUR

Meet weekly (_____) with your church planters.

Ask mentoring questions

Bring them into deeper water

PULL

Attend the monthly (zoom) skills training _____ your church planters

Ask coaching questions

Receive their church planters report

OUR INVESTMENT IN YOU

POUR

Meet monthly with Theo Burakeye for personal mentorship and coaching.

Theo is available for you. You initiate the call (443) 358-7527.

PULL

Attend the monthly (zoom) skills training with you.

Celebrate Milestones. Receive your training center report.

Key: Move, deep, pours, pulls, as often as a parent meets with their children, with

COACHING AND MENTORSHIP

7 Prayers of Church Planters

Ask God for his direction to develop your church planting plan

Lord, **Teach me to plant churches.**

Lord, **Where will I plant churches?**

Lord, **Where do I begin?**

Lord, **Who is my prayer shield?**

Lord, **Who do I disciple?**

Lord, **How will I gather my church?**

Lord, **Who will I send out to plant churches?**



Pray

UNPREDICTABLE PATHWAY WITH PREDICTABLE STEPS

Coach and mentor the church planter to pray, hear from God, and obey

7 Expected Outcomes

At the conclusion of the church planter mentorship, the planter will:

Articulate their personal call to plant churches.

Map the area where they will plant churches.

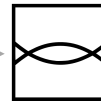
Prayer walk their target area.

Enlist a prayer team to intercede for them and the vision.

Facilitate DBS groups in the target area.

Start the church.

Identify the next church planter.



Pray

INVITATION

Come to Jesus
Luke 7:36-50

Be Baptized
Acts 8:26-40

FOUNDATION



Pray
Matt. 6:5-15



Speak Out
John 4:4-42



Gather
Acts 2:36-47



Obey
Gal. 5:13-25



Send Out
Matt. 9:35-10:1

ENCOUNTER

Moses (Exodus 3:1-10)
Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:4-10)
Levi (Mark 2:13-17)
Ananias & Paul (Acts 9:8-20)

PRAY

Lord's Prayer (Matt. 6:5-18)
Nehemiah's Prayer (Nehemiah 1:1-11)
Peter & Rhoda (Acts 12:5-17)

SPEAK OUT

Philip and the Ethiopian (Acts 8:26-40)
The Samaritan Woman (John 4:4-42)
Paul in Athens (Acts 17:16-34)

GATHER

The Early Church (Acts 2:37-47)
Parable of the Wedding Banquet (Matt. 22:1-14)
Peter at Cornelius' House (Acts 10:23-48)

OBEY

The Great Commission (Matt. 28:16-20)
The Wise and Foolish Builders (Matt. 7:24-29)
Listening and Doing (James 1:19-27)

SEND OUT

Jesus Sends the 72 (Luke 10:1-20)
Jesus Appears to His Disciples (John 20:19-23)
Barnabas and Saul Sent Off (Acts 13:1-12)

MULTIPLY

Paul's Parting Words pt. 1 (2 Tim. 2:1-13)
Paul's Parting Words pt. 2 (2 Tim. 2:14-26)
Paul's Parting Words pt. 3 (2 Tim. 3:10-4:5)



Encounter
Church Planter Mentorship

COACHING AND MENTORSHIP

Dr. JR's Simple Coaching Q's

How?

How are you? How are your plans/progress/work?

Wow!

Wow, tell me more.

Now.

Now, what's next?

The Coaching Habit Q's

1. The Kickstart Question: What's on your mind?
2. The AWE Question: And what else?
3. The Focus Question: What's the real challenge here for you?
4. The Foundation Question: What do you want?
5. The Lazy Question: How can I help?
6. The Strategic Question: If you're saying Yes to this, what are you saying No to?
7. The Learning Question: What was most useful for you?

Stanier, Michael Bungay. The Coaching Habit: Say Less, Ask More & Change the Way You Lead Forever (p. 200). Box of Crayons Press.

5 STRATEGIES

PRAY

MENTORing Q's

- How is your habit of daily prayer?
- Is your habit of prayer a means of living in the manifest presence of Jesus?
- Is your habit of prayer leading you to submit to Jesus and His Spirit?

COACHing Q's

- Are you praying for workers?
- Are you praying that you will meet a person of peace?
- Who has Jesus revealed to you to talk about Him or your Church plant?

SPEAK OUT

MENTORing Q's

- What has Jesus done for you that you can 'bear witness' about?
- How have you spoken words of encouragement and kindness?
- Have you told people that you are called to plant a church?

COACHing Q's

- Have you met a person of peace?
- Have you offered yourself to others?
- Have you established a plan to invite 100 people to your church?

GATHER

MENTORing Q's

- Who is on your heart to invite?
- Who is an acquaintance (weak tie) that you can reach out to this week?
- How are you at developing as host, not teacher?

COACHing Q's

- Have you set the dates, times, and places to gather?
- What questions do you have about leading a Discover Bible Study?
- What is your plan for the parts of your church gathering?

OBEY

MENTORing Q's

- Are you memorizing Scripture?
- When have you heard from Jesus and immediately obeyed?
- How will you encourage believers to obey all that Jesus commanded?

COACHing Q's

- How do you incorporate 'meet & report' in to your church gathering?
- How do you teach people to obey and follow His spirit into ministry in the world?
- How are you incorporating children into learning about and following God?

SEND OUT

MENTORing Q's

- Is your goal seating capacity or sending capacity?
- How are you celebrating steps of faith within your church family?
- Are you praying for workers to emerge from within your church?

COACHing Q's

- Who is the next church planter that you are investing?
- How are you initiating personal discipleship with them?
- Who have you invited to the upcoming Encounter?

Church Planter Report

Did you gather the church this month?

How many disciples gathered?

Who was baptized?

Who are potential church planters?



Training Center Report

MILESTONE 1

What is the **total** number of people you are actively mentoring toward planting a church?

How many **new** church planters are you mentoring (new since your last report until now)?
Who is new? List new church planter information.

MILESTONE 2

What is the **total** number of churches in your branch of the family tree?
Report on existing churches. Submit Church Planter Reports (above).

How many **new** churches started (new since your last report until now)?
Who is new? List new church information.

MILESTONE 3

Is your next Encounter weekend scheduled?
If yes, when and where is it?

How many potential church planters do you expect to attend?



CHURCH PLANTER TRAINER

The role of the Church Planter Trainer is to coach and mentor church planters to understand and accomplish the behaviors that enable them to succeed in the Five Strategies. Trainers do so through prayer, Encounter Weekends, skills training, ongoing mentorship, regular group and one-on-one meetings.

Objectives

Prayer

Invite prayer partners to join Launchpad prayer movement

- www.churchdevelopment.network/pray
- Pray without ceasing for workers to enter the harvest field

Encounter +Mentorship

Schedule, organize, host and lead at least two Encounter weekends per year.

- Passionate about people encountering God and responding to His call to plant churches
- Plan, host and point of contact for Encounter weekends
- Leads many Jumpstarts as primary tool for invitation to Encounter +mentorship

Milestones

Celebrate the three significant milestones for church planting multiplication

- M1: A Church is conceived in heaven
- M2: A Church is gathered on earth
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Partnership

Invite individuals and churches to give financially to the movement

- www.churchdevelopment.network/partner

Deliverables

EVERY YEAR

- Schedule and lead Encounter Weekends (2x per year)
- Register Encounter Day/Time/Location with CDN Central
- Attend the ANNUAL Sent Summit with your church planters and their congregations

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- Attend the MONTHLY (zoom) skills training WITH your church planters
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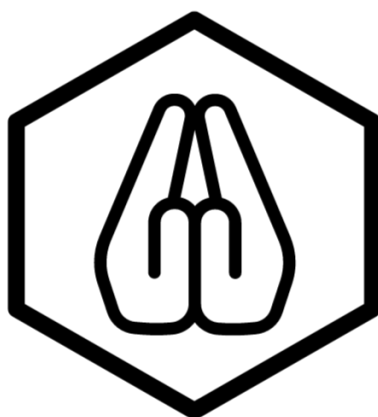
EVERY WEEK

- Meet WEEKLY with church planters for ongoing mentorship

3C's of CDN Team Members

COMMITMENT - CHARACTER - COMPETENCY

All CDN team members are expected to be Committed to Christ and His Mission; seeking to do their absolute best to edify the church and move God's mission forward. We value Christ-like character, believing character trumps skillset every time. We expect team members to possess the following attributes: focus on spiritual and emotional maturity, positive attitudes, self-awareness, love for people, trustworthiness, coachability, humility, passion, and a hunger to learn and grow. All the CDN team members should be proficient and effective in utilizing the tools and completing the tasks of the mission to which they've been assigned, confidently leading themselves and others well and communicating proactively and positively along the way.



Launchpad

LAUNCHPAD PRAYER

Second Tuesday of the month @ 8 PM

Launchpad is a dedicated time to saturate the work with on-fire prayer, story telling, celebrating God's hand at work, and building faith for establishing new churches and networks.

Launchpad is for EVERYONE!

On this evening we will celebrate God's goodness and intercede for more and more fruitfulness. Prayer is the work of the ministry!

JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

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Sent Summit

SENT SUMMIT

June 2 - 4, 2022

The Sent Summit is an annual gathering to refresh and refuel church planters on the front lines of the movement.

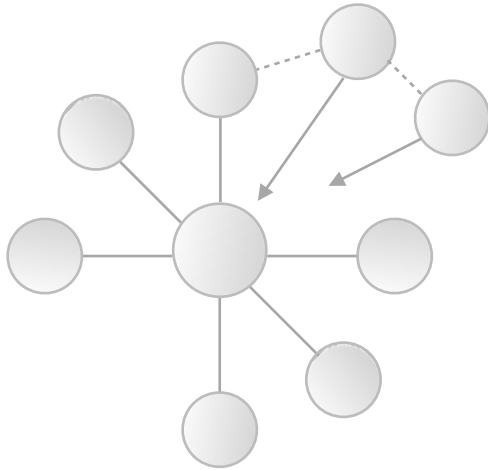
The summit is open to all and serves as a catalyst to invite workers to join Jesus in His harvest field.

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SESSION SIX

How to Launch Your Training Center

HUB AND SPOKE



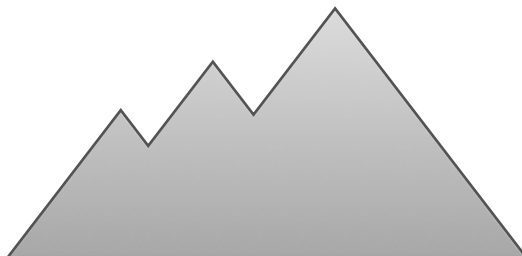
FAMILY TREE



BARRIERS

Then Jesus told them, “I tell you the truth, if you have faith and don’t doubt, you can do things like this and much more. You can even say to this mountain, ‘May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ and it will happen.

Matthew 21:21 (NLT)





TRAINING CENTER APPLICATION

[] I'm in! Let's do this - together.

With prayer and in faith, I believe the Lord is calling me to the mission of training, coaching, and mentoring church planters with the Church Development Network.

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

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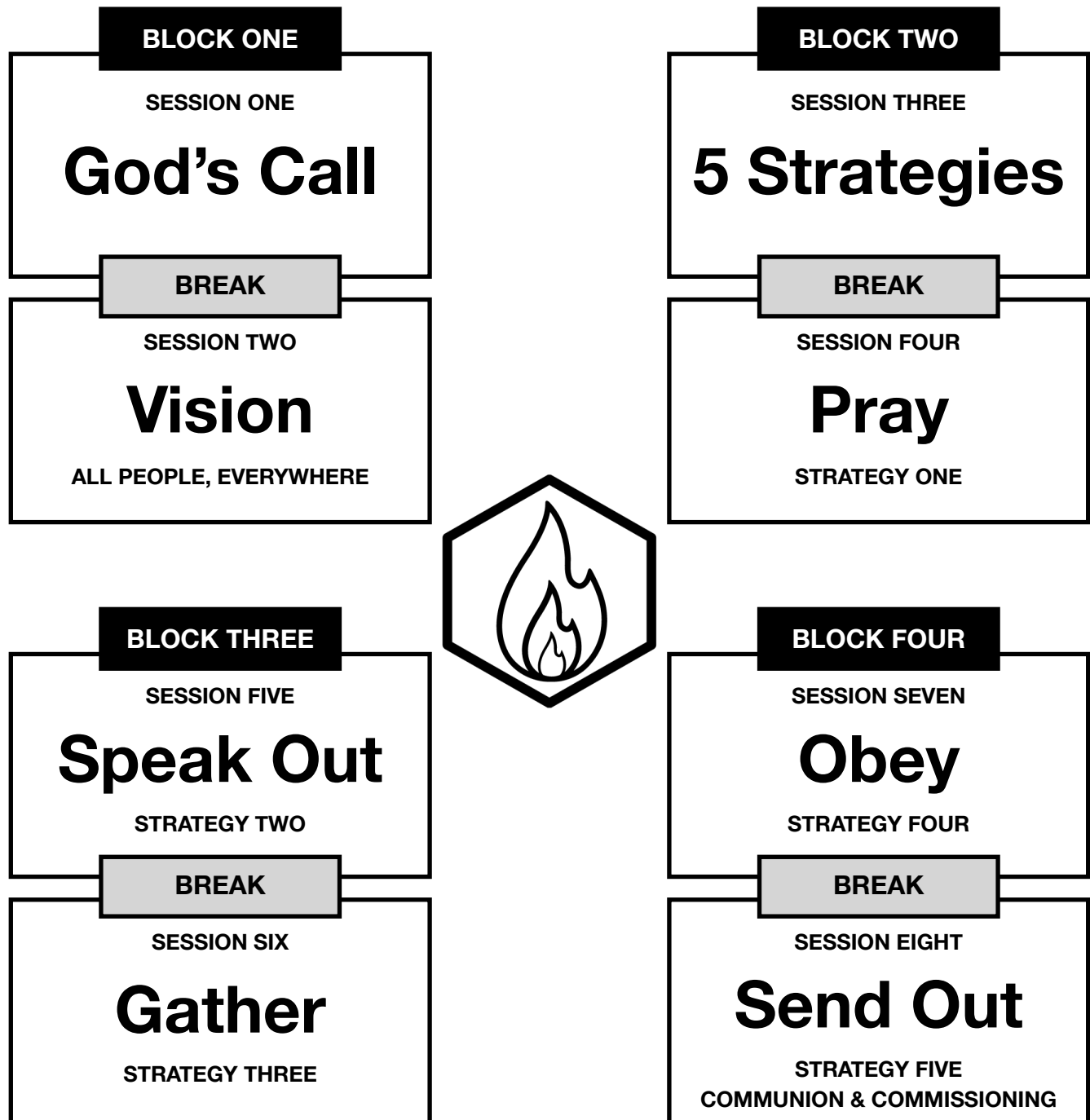
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Encounter Schedule



COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE
National Skills Training Zoom Call

Fourth Tuesday of the month @ 8 PM
Fourth Wednesday of the month @ 12 PM

God's Call

1) Overview of the Church Development Network	
2) Manifest Presence	
3) God's Call	
Resonse	

Session One: God's Call

Introduction | Welcome to the CDN | Overview of Encounter Weekend

1) Overview of the Church Development Network

Encounter Overview: Schedule
CDN: We Plant Churches.

Our 1:4:5:4:1 explains Why & How

1 - One Mission:

A Relentless Pursuit of Obedient Disciples

4 - Four Values

i. God-filled environments

We work from a vibrant relationship with God. Prayer and worship is the fuel for fruitfulness in our ministry. Our training and mentorship sessions always function in a prayer saturated, God-filled environment.

ii. Rapid Deployment

An innovation of our work is rapid deployment. We teach immediate obedience to Christ and quickly deploy workers in the harvest field. We begin the work as soon as God calls and trust Him to provide all that is needed as He builds His church. The resources are in the harvest.

iii. No more orphan churches

We are a network of networks. Our strength is built on relational connections in the context of community. We link arms with everyone who is engaged in the work of planting Christian churches. People from different denominations and backgrounds are welcome to share in our resources, training and mentorship.

iv. Unpredictable pathway with predictable steps

Every community, church planter, and church plant is different and unique. With that in mind, we expect an unpredictable pathway during your church planting journey. The unpredictable pathway is guided by predictable steps throughout our five strategies.

5 - Five Strategies

- i. Pray - We work at the intersection of where heaven meets earth
- ii. Speak Out - We reach people through acquaintances & persons of peace.
- iii. Gather - We prioritize gathering together as the church.
- iv. Obey - We teach people to obey all that Jesus commanded.
- v. Send Out - We quickly deploy laborers into the harvest field.

4 - Four Environments

- i. Jumpstart - A simple & Biblical method to cast the vision and get started.
- ii. Encounter +mentorship - A weekend experience followed by 7 months of focused training and mentorship.
- iii. Launchpad - Where our church planters saturate the Kingdom work with on-fire prayer.
- iv. Sent Summit - An annual gathering to celebrate God's faithfulness.

1 - One Vision

We are a community of church planters with a vision of starting 1,000 Churches in creative spaces and places in your community and the world.

2) The Manifest Presence of God

1. There is a difference between the Omnipresence (everywhere presence), and the Manifest Presence of God

- i. The Omnipresence is beautiful and encouraging
- ii. God is with you always, everywhere and at all times!
- iii. He's with you in the house, bathroom, yard, USA, China, work
- iv. He's at the church; and was there before anywhere got there!
- v. He's at the Mosque, the Hindu temple, at the bar down the street
- vi. God is present when you seek him, even present when you sin

2. The Omnipresence is important, but what we need most is the Manifest Presence of the Living God

- i. The Manifest Presence is the place Christ reveals himself to people!
- ii. It's where the arm of the Lord is moving!
- iii. Where the voice of Jesus is speaking!
- iv. The Manifest Presence is the way we Encounter the Risen Lord!
- v. It's how we Encounter the intimacy, power and presence of Jesus
- vi. The Manifest Presence is the place people are brought to repentance! The place of conviction! Forgiveness of sins! Healing! Restoration! Deep Calling! Deep Worship! Sacrifice! Anointing! Where the Love of God consumes!!!
- vii. It's the Upper Room we read about throughout the Scriptures—where God gives vision and revelation, where dead children are raised to life, it's the intimate upper room where Jesus washes the feet of his disciples, and shares his very body and blood with them—with us.

3. The Upper Room—the Manifest Presence of Jesus Christ—is what distinguishes, sets apart, the Church from the rest of the world.

4. We need the Manifest Presence of Jesus. So how do we enter into it?

- i. By welcoming Him in! By becoming desperate and hungry for Jesus
- ii. By inviting the Holy Spirit to come! Fall fresh on us!
- iii. Jesus said "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in, and eat with them, and they with me."

("So let's begin by inviting the Manifest Presence of Christ to come among us." Invite the people to open their hearts and welcome the Holy Spirit. Lead out in prayer. Exalt the Name of Jesus Christ and ask for His Presence and Spirit to come. Spend time glorifying Christ in worship, praise, and adoration.)

3) God's Call

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1. God's call will interrupt whatever you were busy doing

- a. Elisha 1 Kings 19:19ff
 - i. Context: Elijah – I am the only one left – 1Ki 19:10,14
 - ii. Vast Pool of 7,000
 - iii. Elisha was... Busy
 - iv. Wealthy
 - v. Obedient
 - vi. Elijah's Cloak v19
 - vii. Burnt his ploughs v21
 - viii. Schooled

2. God's call sets our priorities

"My food," Jesus said to them, "is to obey the will of the one who sent me and to finish the work he gave me to do" (Jn 4:34)

3. God's call raises and sends workers

"For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of the one who sent me" (Jn 6:38)

4. God's call gives purpose and direction

"Jesus answered them, 'Even though I am testifying about myself, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going. But you do not know where I come from or where I am going'" (Jn 8:14)

5. God's call needs to be articulated

- i. "Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the Gospel of God" (Ro 1:1)
- ii. "Paul, an apostle – sent not from men nor by man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead" (Ga 1:1)

6. God's call ignites vision and ministry passion

"But I reckon my own life to be worth nothing to me; I only want to complete my mission and finish the work that the Lord Jesus gave me to do, which is to declare the Good News about the grace of God" (Act 20:24)

7. God's call requires conscientious planning

"If one of you is planning to build a tower, you sit down first and figure out what it will cost, to see if you have enough money to finish the job. If you don't, you will not be able to finish the tower after laying the foundation; and all who see what happened will make fun of you. 'You began to build but can't finish the job!' they will say" (Lk 14:28-30)

8. God's call activates our faith

"The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. You were running a good race. Who cut in on you and kept you from obeying the truth? That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you" (Gal 5:6-8)

9. God's call guards against distractions

"The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. You were running a good race. Who cut in on you and kept you from obeying the truth? That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you" (Gal 5:6-8)

10. God's call defines our sphere of ministry

"We, however, will not boast beyond proper limits, but will confine our boasting to the field God has assigned to us, a field that reaches even to you" (2 Co 10:13)

11. God's call expands our area of activity

"Our hope is that, as your faith continues to grow, our area of activity among you will greatly expand, so that we can preach the gospel in the regions beyond you." (2 Co 10:15,16)

(Break)

BLOCK ONE

SESSION TWO

Vision

ALL PEOPLE, EVERYWHERE

SESSION TWO: VISION

1) What is the Church

2) Vision & Saturation Church Planting

3) My Map Workshop. [MOMENT #1]

Pray over My Map

Session Two: Vision

1) What Is a Church?

1. 3 Milestones (p.14-15)

1. There are three milestones in the life cycle of Church Multiplication

- i. A local church is “conceived in heaven” when a person says “yes” to the call of Jesus to plant a church in a particular place or among a particular group of people
- ii. A local church is “born on earth” when the first “two or three” people gather together in the Name of Jesus explicitly as a church
- iii. A local church reaches “maturity” when it reproduces and gives birth to another church

2. It's like biological reproduction

- i. Life begins at conception—all the DNA, all the potential, is fully present in the embryonic state, even before birth. The acorn has everything it needs to grow into the mighty oak tree. The DNA is in the seed. Likewise, the life of the church begins the moment the church planter says yes to the call of Jesus. At that moment, something happens in heaven!
- ii. When the baby is born, it's fully human. Even though it's small and immature—it can't even walk yet—it's 100% fully a human being. In the same way, when a newborn church is born—that first 2 or 3 gathered in the Name of Jesus—it's 100% fully a church. But it's a newborn. It has a lot of growing to do.
- iii. An organism is considered biologically mature when its able to reproduce. The time it takes to mature varies depending on the size and complexity of the organism. An elephant takes 18 years to be able to reproduce. A rabbit takes 4 months. In the same way, a local is considered mature when it's able to give birth to another church.

3. Since we're talking about biology, hear this: The local church is pregnant with potential. Everything a community needs is pregnant within the local church.

- i. There are countless stories when a local church comes to a village in Africa. The village had many parentless children, illiteracy, contaminated water, and was ridden with disease. But when the local church came, soon after the clean-water wells came, and the orphanage, and the school, and the hospital. Why? Because the local church is pregnant with potential!
- ii. Everything the community needs is preloaded within the local church.

2. The 3 C's

1. What makes a church, a church?

What distinguishes it from a small group, or Bible Study, or missional community? The answer is the 3 C's—Covenant, Characteristics, and Caring Leaders

- i. Covenant: The people understand and agree with one another that they are a church. As a church, they are committed to one another. A church explicitly acknowledges it is a church.
- ii. Characteristics: All churches in all places in all ages have shared the same characteristics found in Acts chapter 2.

(Draw or display the Church Circle: baptize, pray, make disciples, love God & people, worship, communion, giving, Word, shepherds)

- iii. Caring Leaders: In a church, the Lord raises up caring leaders to look after God's people and gather the sheep—lost and found.

2) Vision & Saturation Church Planting

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“It’s a terrible thing to see and have no vision.” (Helen Keller)

1. Vision is one of the most important characteristics of a godly leader.

2. Consider the examples of some visionary leaders:

1. The Wright Brothers
 - i. Others scoffed when they said they had a vision to make heavy machines fly.
 - ii. Now people travel all over the world because of their vision
2. Henry Ford
 - i. Ford had a vision that every family have an automobile
 - ii. He said “If I had asked people what they wanted, they would have said faster horses”
 - iii. Now, his vision is realized, and cars are everywhere.

3. God’s vision: “This Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.” (Mt 24:14)

4. Consider Biblical examples of visionary leadership

1. “Men of Issachar, who understood the times and knew what Israel should do” (1 Chron 12:32)
 - i. A leader understands the times, and knows what to do
2. Habakkuk had a vision that “the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea” (Habakkuk 2:14)
3. Habakkuk was also told “write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it.” (Habakkuk 2:2)
 - i. It’s important to write the vision down
 - ii. Why? Because when God gives you a vision, it’s not just for you. It’s for others as well. It’s meant to be shared.

5. Jesus had great vision.

- i. He went throughout all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and all sickness
- ii. And when he saw the crowds, he was moved to compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.
 - a. You see, Jesus had the eyes of heaven—he had heavenly vision
 - b. Where others saw a bunch of broken, harassed and helpless people
 - c. Jesus saw the harvest. He saw what was so valuable and precious
 - d. He saw what needed to be brought into his Father’s house
- iii. and so he said to his disciples “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field”

(At this point, pause to invite participants to take out their phones. Explain the Luke 10:2 Prayer movement. Invite everyone set their alarms to 10:02 and join the global 10:2 Movement)

6. There are 7 things godly vision does.

- i. It’s surfaced by the needs of others
- ii. Gives rise to godly compassion
- iii. Inspires godly prayers
- iv. Invites response to God’s call
- v. Requires changes through godly plans
- vi. Anticipates godly changes
- vii. Empowers godly leaders to mobilize others

7. Visionary leaders embrace “Z” thinking: they don’t just have abc in mind, they see all the way to Z

- i. “Z” thinking means to begin with the end in mind

8. Let me end by sharing about Saturation Church Planting

i. Saturation Church Planting is completing the Great Commission through church planting in such a way that every man, woman and child has a chance to accept or reject the Gospel through the witness of a local church.

ii. “Z” thinking involves considering what God wants to see accomplished for His glory in any given region

iii. For “Z” to happen, the church must be everywhere, on display to everyone.

3) My Map Workshop

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(Use a whiteboard to MAP your vision. The instructor will lead by example and draw their map on the whiteboard. Church Planters will draw their map on the handout or in their book. Church planters will share and declare their vision. Commit your plans to the Lord Proverbs 16:3, “Commit your actions to the Lord, and your plans will succeed.” Enter a time of Worship & Prayer. Conclude this time by praying over the maps)

BLOCK TWO

SESSION THREE

5 Strategies

SESSION THREE: 5 STRATEGIES

1) WORSHIP

2) 5 Strategies Overview

3) Mentorship Process

Session Three: Five Strategies

(Begin by introducing the value of God-filled environments. Spend time glorifying Christ in worship, praise, and adoration. Invite the Holy Spirit to come and fill the space. Welcome the Manifest Presence of Jesus.)

(As you transition from praise and worship, introduce the opportunity for an Offering to be received toward the end of our training. Introduce the opportunity for Giving Online at ChurchDevelopment.network/give)

1) Overview of the 5 Strategies

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(Draw out the icons for the 5 strategies on a white board or poster as you teach through them)

1. Pray - We work at the intersection of where heaven meets earth

i. Acts 1:14, "They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers."

2. Speak Out - We reach people through acquaintances and persons of peace.

i. Acts 2:14, "Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd..."

3. Gather - We prioritize gathering together as the church.

i. Acts 2:36-47, "All the believers were together and had everything in common."

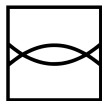
4. Obey - We teach people to obey all that Jesus commanded.

i. Acts 2:36-47, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

5. Send Out - We quickly deploy laborers into the harvest field.

i. Acts 3ff

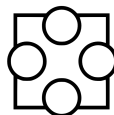
(Have the participants practice drawing & reciting the 5 strategies in pairs, groups, & in front)



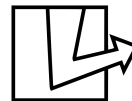
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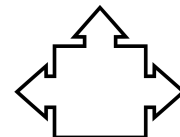
Speak Out



Gather



Obey



Send Out

2) The Mentorship Process

Our 3x3 +Mentorship Process will help you succeed in planting churches. It includes 3 Months, 3 Milestones, 3 Years, + ongoing Mentorship.

3 Months

- i. The next 3 Months are crucial
- ii. You immediately join the CDN Community of Practice
- iii. CDN Facebook group
- iv. Goal: Gather your church in 3 months

3 Milestones

- i. M1: Church Conceived in Heaven
- ii. M2: Church Gathered on Earth
- iii. M3: Church Planter Sent out

3 Years

- i. Flywheel Principle
- ii. Encounter Weekend Every 6 Months
- iii. Church Planters attend until M2
- iv. At M2 Church planters attend until M3
- v. Repeat as new M1 has reaches M3
- vi. Enroll/Complete a pastoral formation program

1. Value: No More Orphan Churches

- i. +Mentorship (bi-weekly zoom)
- ii. Launchpad Prayer (2nd Tuesday)
- iii. Local trainer/mentor/coach (in the harvest)

2. Pay it Forward

- i. Join the CDN Facebook group right now
- ii. Join the CDN Prayer Team
- iii. Offering: Giving Online ChurchDevelopment.network/give

(Break)

BLOCK TWO

SESSION FOUR

Pray

STRATEGY ONE

SESSION FOUR: PRAY

1) Strategy 1: Pray

2) Respond in Prayer [MOMENT #2]

Session Four: Pray

(After the break, gather everyone back with a time of praise and worship.)

1) Strategy 1: Pray

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1. Prayer is where giants rise and fall.

- i. Every effective worker had a prevailing prayer life
- ii. The depth of your intimacy determines the breadth of your ministry

2. Ora et Labora

- i. The Benedictine Rule ordered monastic life around two essential elements: “Ora et Labora” meaning “Prayer & Work.”
 - a. There are only two things believers can do to advance the Kingdom of God on earth. Pray and Work.
 - b. To “Pray” and to “Work” are the two most important you can do as a church planter.
 - c. Both are required. It’s prayer alone or work alone. It’s both.
- ii. St. Augustine said “Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.”
- iii. Someone once wrote “when I start working before praying, work can too easily feel tedious or unappreciated, meaningless or vexing. Ah, but when prayer comes first, working is easier and the purpose is clear.”

3. Prayer must saturate every area of Church Planting

- i. Planning
- ii. Target Territory
- iii. Research
- iv. Mapping
- v. Prayer Walk
- vi. Prayer Shield

4. Prayer is the foundation of all ministry

- i. Prayer is the only thing the disciples of Jesus (out of deep hunger) asked Jesus to teach them.
- ii. There were many things equally important that they could have asked:
 - a. Teach us to feed 5,000
 - b. Teach us to heal the sick
 - c. Teach us to raise the dead
 - d. Teach us to turn water into wine
 - e. Teach us to teach to the crowds
- iii. But they asked Jesus to teach them to pray. WHY?
- iv. Prayer is the foundation of all ministry.

5. Jesus set an example for us in prayer

- i. Jesus' days started and ended with prayer
- ii. Everything else he did was a result of his intimacy with the Father (This intimacy came through prayer. Jesus said "Abba" in his Gethsemane Prayer)
- iii. Jesus says, "When you pray, 'Our Father in heaven.'"
- a. Each of us has had a biological father.
- b. This is meant to be an intimate relationship. A father is meant to know their children deeply and personally.
- c. Likewise, when someone is spiritually adopted as a "father," there is a personal connection.
- iv. The Bottom line: Jesus' example teaches us...God is looking for consecrated men and women who lead and serve from an intimate relationship with Him.

6. There are 3 important prayers for church planters

- i. Direction - They go when and where He wants them to go
- ii. Revelation - They speak of what they have heard from God
- iii. Protection - They enter into the enemy's camp

2) Activating Hunger for God

(At this time, instruct the participants to "Stand up in the Presence of God." Set the atmosphere for prayer with reflective instrumental music. Briefly teach about a prayer posture for receiving.)

1. Posture is an important part of praying

- i. When asking to receive a spiritual gift from our Father in Heaven
- ii. We hold our hands open: palms facing upward
- iii. We do this, because in faith, we believe the Lord will give us a good gift!
- iv. If you ask some one for \$5.00, and you believe they will give it to you, you will open your hand and stretch it out towards them.
- v. We are opening our hands and lifting them to God now, because we believe the Lord is going to give us something right now
- vi. Jesus said "If even you know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in Heaven give good gifts—his Holy Spirit, to those who ask him!"

(Pray for the Lord to freshly fill the participants with His Holy Spirit. Pray for the Father to give a deep spiritual hunger and longing to the people. Pray for Jesus to activate this deep and lasting hunger for God.)

(After the leader prays, invite the participants to begin praying for the Lord to make them hungry for Him. Give them the freedom to kneel, or stand, or walk around the room. Keep the instrumental music playing in the background. During prayer, it might be helpful to play a reflective song like "Touch Heaven")

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BLOCK THREE

SESSION FIVE

Speak Out

STRATEGY TWO

SESSION FIVE: SPEAK OUT

1) Worship	
2) Strategy 2: Speak Out	
3) Intentionality	

Session Five: Speak Out

(Begin this session by exalting the Name of Christ Jesus. Spend time in worship, praise, and adoration. Invite the Holy Spirit to come and fill the space. Welcome the Manifest Presence of Jesus.)

1) Strategy 2: Speak Out

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“Has the LORD redeemed you? Then speak out!” (Psalm 107:2 NLT)

1. Church Planters are called to Speak Out

- i. If God has called you to plant a church, he has called you to speak to others and share with them what God has put in your heart to do.
- ii. If you don’t speak to others about what God is calling you to do and/or what Jesus has done for you, you can never gather people for a new church.
- iii. Learning to speak out in various ways allows you to reach new social networks and plant churches among them

2. Ethne & Ethnos

- i. Ethnos = properly, people joined by practicing similar customs or common culture; nation(s), usually referring to unbelieving Gentiles (non-Jews).
- ii. Ethne = A new group from the group. Paul uses ethne of Gentile Christians: Romans 11:13; Romans 15:27; Romans 16:4; Galatians 2:12, Galatians 2:14; Ephesians 3:1, cf. Ephesians 4:17 (Winers Grammar, § 59, 4 a.; Buttman, 130 (114)).

3. Two main reasons people don’t speak out:

- i. They don’t know who to speak to
- ii. They don’t know what, how and why to speak
 - a. Reasons why people don’t talk about their faith (Barna Research 2018) “I don’t feel like I know enough to talk about religious or spiritual topics (#1)”
 - b. The problem of EXPERT culture...

4. Three ways the early church spoke about Jesus

- i. Bear witness
 - a. Tell your story of how God changed you and say that this experience has been truth for you.
 - b. The primary tool of evangelism is the testimony of the believer.
 - c. “But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say.” (Acts 4:14)
- ii. Tell Good News
 - a. Give hope by telling people about grace, forgiveness, redemption, transformation and eternal life offered through Jesus Christ.
- iii. Proclaim
 - a. Proclaim the Scriptural Truths that Jesus lived, died, was resurrected, is now at work on earth through his Holy Spirit, will return to judge the earth and will reign in heaven through eternity.

5. Speak Out to everyone possible

- i. Enlist everybody you know to invite as many people as they can to this new church.
- ii. One does not even have to be a follower of Christ to invite people to a new church.
- iii. Some people that you meet for the first time will provide access to their social network in a short amount of time.

6. Especially Speak Out to Acquaintances

- i. You are much more apt to gain access to a new social network through an acquaintance than a close friend or family member.
- ii. An acquaintance is someone that you causally know but don't interact with on a regular basis.
- iii. It could be someone that you have known a long time or someone that you recently met.

7. Make a plan to start speaking out

- i. Start with Who (make a list of people who you will reach)
- ii. As soon as you leave Encounter, tell 10 people you are a church planter

8. Persons of Peace

- i. Luke 10 teaches that persons of peace are important persons in the spread of the Gospel.
- ii. Persons of peace are leaders of social networks (ethne) who:
 - a. Are prepared by God to hear and respond to the Gospel
 - b. Have influence over members of that social network
 - c. Will be drawn to the planter/worker and will show favor to them.
- iii. "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' 6 If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. 7 Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. (Luke 10:5-7)
 - a. Central to the teaching is that the disciples were to go out and seek out some worthy person in a deserving home (also Mt 10:11, 13) who would facilitate the spread of the Good News amongst the unreached. When they found their person of peace, they would bless the home and occupants with the peace of God.
 - b. Another example is found in Luke 19. Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector, heard that Jesus was coming to town and wanted to see Jesus. Being a short man, he ran ahead of the crowd and climbed up a sycamore-fig tree to see Him.

1. A person of peace is someone who, even though they are not a believer, is open to listening and find out more about Jesus.

2. They are people the Spirit of God has been preparing to play strategic roles in facilitating the expansion of the Kingdom of God.

2) Church Planters must be Intentional about Speaking Out

1. Intentionality is:

- i. Determination to pursue an intended objective
- ii. Thoughtfulness and deliberateness in action or decision
- iii. Directed to attain goals in harmony with call and beliefs
- iv. Engaging my world with purpose born from my understanding of humanity and divinity
- v. Denotes purpose, faith, motivation, with concrete plans that direct our steps toward the consummation of the Kingdom of God
- vi. Intentionality brings together purpose, call, gifts, experience, skills

2. Leaders are intentional

- i. Leaders choose a direction/vision
- ii. Leaders take responsibility for the consequences of their choices
- iii. Leaders influence & align community intent
- iv. Leaders sense their personal uniqueness
- v. Leaders understand the differences in others

3. Intention sets direction

- i. Zacchaeus was looking for Jesus. Jesus was looking for Zacchaeus.
- ii. Jesus sends us to find people of peace whom God has prepared. They are looking for us. We must look for them. We are bound to find each other.

4. Four characteristics

- i. Intentionality brings together call, purpose, spiritual gifts, skills, life experience
- ii. Intentionality harmonizes planning, execution, monitoring & redirection
- iii. Intentionality develops plans, processes, and strategies
- iv. Intentionality are the links in the chain of successful Christian Leadership

5. The Apostle Paul Demonstrated Intentionality

- i. “12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:12-14)
- a. Definite Decisions (v12, I press on...)
- b. Determined Priorities v12, my goal... take hold)
- c. Undeterred by the Past (v13, forgetting what is behind)
- d. Undeterred by Obstacles (v13, straining toward)
- e. Endurance (v14, I press on)

6. Jesus Demonstrated Intentionality

- i. Our model is Jesus who came to earth with a three-and-a-half-year ministry plan to execute the will of His Father.
- ii. Jesus knew the end to which His earthly ministry pointed,
- iii. He knew He had to be strategic as He called and equipped disciples to start the first church planting movement.
- iv. He knew He had to confront existing cultures and religious orders.
- v. He knew that Judaism required a revolution and not simply a reformation.
- vi. Jesus knew that to initiate and sustain a church planting movement that He must invest in calling and training shepherds to look after impending harvests.
- vii. Jesus said, “My food is to obey the will of the one who sent me and to finish the work he gave me to do.” (Jn 4:34).
- viii. In Gethsemane He could say to His Father, “I have finished the work you gave me to do.” (Jn 17:4)
- ix. On the cross He could finally say, “It is finished.”

7. Jesus has called you to impact the world.

- i. Press on. Be Intentional to Speak Out
- ii. “The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities.’” (Matthew 25:21)

(Break)

BLOCK THREE

SESSION SIX

Gather

STRATEGY THREE

SESSION SIX: GATHER

1) Strategy 3: Gather

2) My 3:1:4:1 [MOMENT #3]

3) Pray over plans

Session Six: Gather

1) Strategy 3: Gather

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1. A shepherd is proved by gathering sheep.

i. If I claim to be a shepherd, but I haven't gathered any sheep. If I'm not caring for a flock. Then I am not really a shepherd.

ii. It's like fishing. I can go out and by the best fishing pole and finest tackle. I can go buy a fishing license. I can by special gear, boots, a fishing vest, a net. I can even get a boat and take it out on the water! But if I never actually go fishing and never actually catch fish, am I really a fisherman? Of course not!

iii. In the same way, a shepherd is only a shepherd—a pastor is only a pastor, if they gather sheep.

2. Churches are called to gather on earth "as it is in heaven"

i. Rich and poor, white—black—asian, red and blue

ii. We gather on earth as it is in heaven

iii. Illustration: South Africa had a long of apartheid. On one occasion, shortly after apartheid had ended, a community gathering was held at local church. The mayor of that community happened to be a black man. He stood up to address the crowd and said, "If I go to heaven, and I see a white man, I'll turn around and walk straight out." The crowd was stunned. As the mayor took his sit, one of the pastors, who happened to be a white man, took the podium. He said, "Good sir, if you walk out of heaven, where do you think you will go? You'll go to hell. And I can promise you, it's filled with white people!" (story told by Theo Burakeye, longtime resident of Johannesburg, South Africa)

iv. The local church is called to gather on earth, as it is in heaven—In unity and love. Gathering requires the skill of great love.

3. The greatest joy of the local church gathering, is experiencing the Presence of the Lord in community

4. The Local Gathering of the Body of Christ is a gift and a miracle

i. It is redemptive.

ii. It's the place where social status and race are not a barrier.

iii. It's the place where we all grow together corporately and as individuals

iv. It's where discipleship best happens

v. The Gathering is where we die to self and become one—common in unity

5. In Africa, the concept of community is best described by the Zulu word "Ubuntu"

i. Essentially, "Ubuntu" means there is no "I" without "we."

ii. It means "your success is my success." And "your failure is my failure."

iii. Ubuntu happens best as the local church gathers

6. Discipleship is done well as we Gather

i. Consider the law of reaping and sowing

ii. "You reap what you sow"

iii. So if you sow nothing, what do you reap? Nothing?

iv. No! If you sow nothing, you reap weeds!!!

v. The Gathering is where "weeding" is done.

vi. Fellow believers and mentors in the faith gracefully help one another root out sin and build up faith in each other's lives.

vii. This is a delicate task, where the Word of God "landscapes" our lives.

viii. Illustration: In the villages of Congo, the mothers would go out into the garden everyday to pull weeds so crops could grow healthy and strong. They would go out in elaborate gowns. Yet with great skill and care, the mother would bundle her flowing gown in one arm, and gently root out the weeds with the other so as not to harm the tender sprouts. In the same way, believers gently, lovingly, carefully, tenderly root out the weeds of sin from one another through applying the Word of God in community. *(Story told by Theo Burakeye, reflecting on his own mother and childhood in a Congolese village)*

2) Community

"CDN is a network where disciples multiply disciples, pastors multiply pastors, and churches multiply churches."

1. Community = "common" + "unity"

- i. Church planting is ultimately about expanding healthy biblical community
- ii. Church planting is about extending the community of Jesus, not just privately, but

communally as well.

2. New Testament community is best defined by the Greek word "Koinonia"

- i. Koinonia appears 19 times in the Greek New Testament
- ii. The New American Standard Bible translates Koinonia
 - a. 12 times as "fellowship"
 - b. 3 times as "sharing"
 - c. 2 times as "participation"
 - d. 2 times as "contribution"
- iii. Koinonia is conveyed by words like community, communion, joint participation, sharing, and intimacy.
- iv. In some contexts, Koinonia refers to a jointly contributed gift

3. The word "Koinonia" first appears in Acts chapter 2

- i. The observable actions of Koinonia in Acts 2 are a devotion to:
 - a. The Word
 - b. Fellowship
 - c. Breaking Bread
 - d. Prayer
 - e. Meeting regularly in each other's homes
 - f. Holding everything in common
 - g. Selling possessions and giving to the needy
 - h. Meeting regularly in the Temple
 - i. Praising god
- ii. The observable effects of Koinonia in Acts 2 are:
 - a. Many wonders and miraculous signs
 - b. People filled with awe
 - c. Gladness
 - d. Sincere hearts
 - e. Enjoying favor from all people
 - f. The Lord adding to their number daily those who were being saved

4. The importance of Community and Relationships are found in Genesis

- i. God said, "It is not good for man to be alone."
- ii. We need community to be fully human
- iii. Adam was lonely because he was made for relationship; Not only with God and with creation, but with other human beings
- iv. We cannot be what God meant us to be unless we are living in community.
- v. Therefore, all people everywhere need the local church.

5. Disciple Making Movements must lead to church multiplication movements, because all people everywhere need a local church.

6. Quality community will in and of itself attract unbelievers into the Kingdom

- i. The more we build community, the greater will be the numbers the Lord adds to us daily
- ii. Church planters must be community builders

3) My 3:1:4:1 Workshop

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(At this point, refer participants to the MY 3:1:4:1 document in their books or distribute printed copies. Explain the sections one by one, and model how to fill out the form by giving an example. Allow participants some time to prayerfully fill out the My 3:1:4:1, making their plans to begin starting their church plant.)

(After everyone has completed their plans, invite several people to share with the group what they wrote. If more people want to share, do not stop them. This is a powerful time to allow the participants to testify publicly about the plans the Holy Spirit is laying on their hearts.)

(When everyone has had the opportunity to share, enter into a time of response. Play reflective instrumental music in the background. Instruct the participants to begin praying over their plans, surrendering them to the Lord and asking for His blessing. Invite the participants to lay their plans [My 3:1:4:1 document or book page] at the altar or foot of the cross if you have one. Give them the freedom to kneel or bow before the Lord as they lay their plans at His feet. Begin to minister and pray over each person and their plans individually. When you've prayed over everyone and sense the room is ready to move on, end by praying corporately over everyone and the plans as a whole.)

(Close the session with praise and worship. Sing a song of response and surrender together.)

(Break)

BLOCK FOUR

SESSION SEVEN

Obey

STRATEGY FOUR

SESSION SEVEN: OBEY

1) Strategy 4: Obey

2) Review the Mentorship Process

3) Strategy 5: Send Out, pt. 1

Session Seven: Obey

(Begin this session by exalting the Name of Christ Jesus. Spend time in worship, praise, and adoration. Invite the Holy Spirit to come and fill the space. Welcome the Manifest Presence of Jesus.)

(After worship, invite participants to share testimonies of what God has said and done for them during Encounter.)

1) Strategy 4: Obey

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"If you love Me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads you into all truth." (John 14:15-17)

"There's a BIG GAP between Gather and Send Out, and it's Obedience." (David Harvey)

1. What is Discovery Bible Study (DBS)?

- i. DBS is a simple yet effective method for helping people become obedient disciples of Jesus (Matthew 28:18-20).
 - a. It is a way for groups to read and discuss the Bible using four strategic questions to discover God and His guidance for our daily lives.
 - b. In DBS, no one is responsible for teaching – the group is simply reading, listening to, and discussing the Scripture together, trusting God's Spirit to be their teacher and to reveal the truth of God's Word through the discussion (John 14:15-17).
- ii. The focus of DBS is discipleship
 - a. It's not just gaining knowledge, but actually practicing the teachings of Jesus.
 - b. DBS is dependent upon the Holy Spirit speaking to people through the Word of God to shape people into obedient disciples of Jesus.
 - c. DBS is intended for both believers and those who are not yet believers. The Holy Spirit is working in the life of every participant to shape us into more obedient disciples of Jesus!

2. How to host and facilitate a DBS as a peer

- i. The leader of the DBS is a host and facilitator – not a teacher.
 - a. Resist the urge to explain the Bible to participants, or to tell them what they should do to obey His Word.
 - b. Instead, participate as a fellow disciple – one who is also seeking to hear from the Holy Spirit how to become a more obedient follower of Jesus.
- ii. Allow the group to process out loud what the Holy Spirit is saying and trust the Holy Spirit to reveal His Truth.
 - a. Instead of teaching, focus on helping everyone feel welcome (hosting)
 - b. Help the discussion flow freely between participants (facilitating).

3. DBS uses the "Three-Thirds" method: Look Back; Look Up; Look Forward

- i. Look Back
 - a. This segment is to check-in with each other since your last meeting.
 - b. Ask: "How are you today? How has your week been?"
 - c. Ask: "How did you do with your 'I will' statements?"
- ii. Look Up
 - a. This segment is to read, re-tell, listen to, and discuss the Bible passage together.
 - b. PRAY – One participant prays, welcoming the Spirit of God among you, and ask Him to reveal His Truth to your group through God's Word.

- c. READ – 2 people read through the Bible passage aloud
- d. RE-TELL – 2 people take turns re-telling the passage like a story. They summarize it in their own words.
- e. DISCUSS – the group discusses the passage using the following four questions:
 - 1- What do these verses say about God?
 - 2- What do these verses say about people?
 - 3- What should people start doing?
 - 4- What should people stop doing?

iii. Look Forward: This segment is to foster active obedience to Jesus

- a. Invite the group to pause and pray silently to hear from God about their "I will" statements.
- b. Have everyone make and record two "I will" statements:

- 1. "This week, I will start/stop _____."
- 2. "This week, I will reach out to _____."

(At this point, lead the group in an interactive way through the Look Up portion of a Discovery Bible Study. Any passage of Scripture (do not exceed 12 verses) will work. For example, you could use Acts 3:1-10)

2) Review the Mentorship Process

Our 3x3 +Mentorship Process will help you succeed in planting churches. It includes 3 Months, 3 Milestones, 3 Years, + ongoing Mentorship.

3 Months

- i. The next 3 Months are crucial
- ii. You immediately join the CDN Community of Practice
- iii. CDN Facebook group
- iv. Goal: Gather your church in 3 months

3 Milestones

- i. M1: Church Conceived in Heaven
- ii. M2: Church Gathered on Earth
- iii. M3: Church Planter Sent out

3 Years

- i. Flywheel Principle
- ii. Encounter Weekend Every 6 Months
- iii. Church Planters attend until M2
- iv. At M2 Church planters attend until M3
- v. Repeat as new M1 has reaches M3
- vi. Enroll/Complete a pastoral formation program

1. Value: No More Orphan Churches

- i. +Mentorship (bi-weekly zoom)
- ii. Launchpad Prayer (2nd Tuesday)
- iii. Local trainer/mentor/coach (in the harvest)

2. Pay it Forward

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- i. Join the CDN Facebook group right now
- ii. Join the CDN Prayer Team
- iii. Receive the Offering: Giving Online ChurchDevelopment.network/give

3) Strategy 5: Send Out

There's an old saying: "You can count the seeds in an apple...but you can't count the apples in the seed."

1. The Harvest of the Kingdom of God is meant to multiply

i. In the parable of the sower, Jesus said "Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown... But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble heart and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop. (Luke 8:8,15)

ii. Jesus said "I tell you the truth unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. (Jn 12:24)

2. In the Church Development Network, we work to see 3 areas of multiplication:

- i. Disciples multiplying disciples
- ii. Pastors multiplying pastors
- iii. Churches multiplying churches

3. Kingdom Multiplication follows the "222" principle of 2 Timothy 2:2

i. Paul said "The things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who are able to train others." (2 Tim 2:2)

- ii. 4 Generations of multiplication are found in this verse
 - a. Gen 1: Paul, who told...
 - b. Gen 2: Timothy in the presence of many witnesses to find...
 - c. Gen 3: Reliable people who were capable of...
 - d. Gen 4: Training others

4. Churches Exist to Plant Churches

- i. Church Planting is the best methodology under heaven to fulfil the Great Commission.
 - a. Church planting embraces both focused evangelism and long-term discipleship within the growing local community of the Body of Christ.
 - b. The local church is pregnant with potential. The small seed (new church plant) will grow and multiply and can increasingly meet every physical, spiritual, emotional need of a local community. (Example of church plants in African villages, soon leading to clean water wells, orphanages, schools, hospitals, etc...)
- ii. Multiplication is inherent in the DNA of all churches
 - a. DNA is fully present at conception (milestone 1 = a church conceived in heaven. At conception, the church is already pregnant with the potential to meet community needs and multiply—giving birth to daughter churches)
 - b. If humanity stopped procreating, the human race would become extinct—dying out with the last generation that was born.
 - c. Similarly, if churches don't have daughter churches, the Church will decline.

5. Multiplication is woven into the fabric of creation. Consider Genesis:

- i. The LORD commands humanity to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth (Gen 1:27-28). This is the first command of the LORD in the Bible for people.
- ii. We do not give birth in our own strength. The LORD helps us. (Gen 2:18)
- iii. In a sinful world, reproduction is a laborious, even painful work. (Gen 3:16)
- iv. Reproduction is a gift and grace from the LORD. (Gen 4:1)
- v. We reproduce in our own likeness. (Gen 5:1-3)

6. Multiplication requires bold prayer

- i. Rachel prayed.
 - a. Rachel was barren.
- b. She was unable in her own strength to obey the first command to "be fruitful and multiply."
- c. However, she refused to accept her inability to reproduce.
- d. She knew God had created her to reproduce, so she did not stop praying until God answered her prayer: "Give me children, or I die!" (Gen. 30:1).
- e. The LORD heard her cries and answered her prayer. He opened her womb and she gave birth to Joseph and later Benjamin.

- ii. John Knox prayed.
 - a. Scotland was in a state of disarray.
 - b. John Know, the revivalist began to pray like Rachel: "Give me Scotland, or I die!."
 - c. The Lord answered his prayer and Scotland experienced great revival and Kingdom

multiplication.

and let us multiply!"

7. The Difference Between Elephant and Rabbit Churches

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- i. Elephants are BIG.
 - a. They are powerful.
 - b. They move slowly.
 - c. They reproduce slowly.
- ii. Rabbits are SMALL.
 - a. They don't have the power of an elephant
 - b. They are quick.
 - c. They eat everything in their path.
 - d. They reproduce rapidly.
- iii. Elephants are fertile once every 4 months
 - a. They have 1 baby at a time
 - b. The pregnancy lasts 22 months
 - c. The baby takes 18 years to reach biological maturity (able to reproduce)
- iv. Rabbits are continuously fertile and able to conceive
 - a. They have an average of 7 babies at a time.
 - b. The pregnancy lasts 1 month.
 - c. The babies take only 4 months to reach biological maturity and be able to reproduce.
- v. In three years, a family of Elephants can grow from 2, to 3 (mother & father, plus one daughter)
- vi. In three years, a family of Rabbits can grow from 2, to... 476 Million

(Training Center Demo: At this time, draw out and explain the Training Center model on a white board, or on a PowerPoint.)

(Break)

BLOCK FOUR

SESSION EIGHT

Send Out

STRATEGY FIVE COMMUNION & COMMISSIONING

SESSION EIGHT: SEND OUT

1) Faith and Faithfulness	
2) Barrier Workshop [MOMENT #4]	
3) Commission	

Session Eight: Send Out

1) Faith

1. Faith sees Kingdom reality. It enables us to work in the spiritual realm and extend Kingdom borders.

- “Guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith.” (Mal 2:16)
- “But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him.” (Heb 10:38)
- “We live by faith, not by sight.” (2 Co 5:7)

2. Faith, hope, and love are an intricate bond.

- Paul said “And now these three remain faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” (1 Co 13:13)

3. Faith gives us unshakeable confidence in our Kingdom assignment.

- We oppose spiritual forces and win spiritual battles
- Through faith we are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. (1 Peter 1:5)
- “In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.” (Eph 6:16)

4. Faith enables us to trust God to do great things.

- Faith works miracles
 - “Then he touched their eyes and said, ‘According to your faith will it be done to you’; and their sight was restored.” (Mt 9:29-30)
 - “Then Jesus answered, ‘Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.’ And her daughter was healed from that very hour.” (Mt 15:28)

5. God comes alongside our faith and works Kingdom miracles.

- Faith enables us to Trust God to do Great Things in our church planting.
 - “Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. ‘You of little faith,’ he said, ‘why did you doubt?’” (Mt 14:29-31)

6. Pray for God to increase our faith so we can see the limitless possibilities for Church Multiplication.

- “Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and it will be done. If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.” (Mt 21:21-22)
- “I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.” (Jn 14:11-13)

7. Faith leverages our other spiritual gifts.

- “We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith.” (Ro 12:6-7)

8. Committed communities multiply the level of our faith.

i. "Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith." (1 Th 3:10)

9. God's promises inspire precedents, which in turn inspire others to faith.

i. "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands." (1 Sam 17:45- 47)

Faithfulness

1. Faithfulness is inspired by God's persevering faith.

i. "Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands." (Deut 7:9)

ii. "But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one." (2 Th 3:3-4)

2. Faithfulness is a hallmark of successful Christian service.

i. "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'" "The man with the two talents also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.'" "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'" (Matt 25:20-23)

3. Faithfulness ensures divine support.

i. "To the faithful you show yourself faithful, to the blameless you show yourself blameless..." (Ps 18:25)

ii. "He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of his covenant." (Ps 25:9-10)

iii. "For the LORD loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones. They will be protected forever, but the offspring of the wicked will be cut off..." (Ps 37:28)

iv. "Let those who love the LORD hate evil, for he guards the lives of his faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked." (Ps 97:10)

v. "My eyes will be on the faithful in the land that they may dwell with me; he whose walk is blameless will minister to me." (Ps 101:6)

4. Faithfulness is a fruit of the Holy Spirit.

i. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law." (Gal 5:22-23)

5. Faithfulness is commanded by God.

i. Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life." (Rev 2:10)

6. Faithfulness is about finishing our life work

i. Jesus was intent on obeying and finishing His work: "My food," Jesus said to them, "is to obey the will of the one who sent me and to finish the work he gave me to do." (Jn 4:34)

ii. Finishing our life assignment brings glory to God.

a. After three years of ministry Jesus could say to His Father, "I have shown your glory on earth; I have finished the work you gave me to do." (Jn 17:4)

iii. Finishing our life assignment brings peace in death:

a. "On the cross, Jesus drank the wine and said, 'It is finished!' Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit." (Jn 19:30)

iv. Finishing requires focus to conserve energy and avoid distractions:

a. "That is why I run straight for the finish line; that is why I am like a boxer who does not waste his punches." (1 Co 9:26)

- v. Finishing requires willing compliance and encouragement:
 - a. "My opinion is that it is better for you to finish now what you began last year. You were the first, not only to act, but also to be willing to act." (2 Co 8:10)
- vi. Finishing requires encouragement, eagerness, and planning:
 - a. "On with it, then, and finish the job! Be as eager to finish it as you were to plan it, and do it with what you now have." (2 Co 8:11)
- vii. Finishing requires us to remind and encourage:
 - a. "And tell Archippus: „Be sure to finish the task you were given in the Lord's service"" (Col 4:17)
- viii. Finishing requires perseverance along a clearly demarcated path:
 - a. "Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." (Heb 12:1)

2) Barriers Workshop

(At this point, begin the Barriers Workshop. Using a White Board, ask the participants the following questions: (1) What are the barriers to church planting? (2) What is keeping you from getting started right away? (3) What do you see as your significant challenges? As the group begins to brainstorm, write out the answers on the White Board)

(After brainstorming and writing down the obstacles, barriers, and challenges to church planting, divide the participants into smaller groups of 3 or 4. Enter into a time of prayer to ask Jesus for victory in overcoming these obstacles. Play reflective, instrumental music in the background to set the atmosphere.)

(When you sense the room is finished praying, flow into a song of response like Revelation Song to worship Jesus and prepare for commission and communion.)

3) Commission

(When the prayer and song of response is completed, invite the participants forward, one by one, to be anointed with oil upon the head, prayed over, and consecrated for the work of church planting. Bless each one in the Name of Jesus to fulfill the Great Commission and make disciples of all nations.)

(When everyone has been anointed and prayed over, invite a spiritual leader to come forward and lead everyone in Communion. Have reflective, instrumental music playing in the background to maintain the atmosphere of prayer and worship.)

(When Communion is finished, stand before the people, stretch out your hands toward them, and Bless them with this Commission: "Our Lord Jesus said, 'As the Father has sent me, I am sending you. Receive the Holy Spirit.' Gather His sheep. Go, and make disciples of all nations, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.")

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SEND WORKERS INTO THE HARVEST FIELD